



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Noboru Ichinose, et al.

Serial No.: 10/567,369

Group Art Unit: 2814

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Examiner: Salerno, Sarah Kate

For: SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER WITH A GA_2O_3 SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 – 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Concurrently with the RCE filed herewith and prior to further prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 9-13, 15, and 21 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin at page 4 of this paper.